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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: KUWAIT LAWS ON  
BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 34744, (B) KUWAIT 859

1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON KUWAIT BRIBERY LAWS REFLECTS  
CONTINUED INTEREST BY U.S. LAW FIRMS IN KNOWING AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE ABOUT BUSINESS LAWS AND PRACTICES IN MIDDLE EAST,  
PARTICULARLY OIL PRODUCERS SUCH AS KUWAIT. FOREIGN CORRUPT  
PRACTICES ACT OF 1977 (COPIES POUCHED RECENTLY TO POST)  
WHICH DEALS WITH BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS HAS ALSO  
PROMPTED INTEREST OF SOME FIRMS. DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE  
RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUEST FROM YET ANOTHER LAW FIRM SINCE  
REF A WAS SENT.

2. REGARDING DEALING WITH CORRESPONDING LAW FIRMS IN KUWAIT,  
U.S. FIRM ONLY WISHES CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH A LAW EXISTS  
AND IS NOT REPEAT NOT AT THIS POINT SEEKING BUSINESS RELA-  
TIONSHIP WITH KUWAITI FIRM. ALONG WITH INFORMATION TO U.S.  
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COMPANY, DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION  
IN ITS FILES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

3. IN MAKING REQUEST, DEPARTMENT HAD HOPED TO AVOID  
BURDENING EMBASSY KUWAIT WITH EXTENSIVE RESEARCH BUT  
RATHER THOUGHT THAT QUESTION MIGHT BE REFERRED TO SOMEONE  
LIKE KUWAIT ATTORNEY GENERAL AL-WEGAYAN WHO RECENTLY  
VISITED U.S. ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED  
INTEREST IN EXCHANGING IDEAS ON LEGAL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL  
INTEREST.

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